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SUPJ: HUMAN RIGHTS VISIT OF SPANISH SOCIALIST PARLIAMENTARIANS

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1. JULY 16-18, THREE PARLIAMENTARIANS OF THE SPANISH SOCIALIST WORKERS PARTY -- PSOE (LUIS YANEZ BARPUERO, RAFAEL ESCUDA AND GUILLERMO GALEOTO), ACCOMPANIED BY MONICA THREFFAL, THE WIFE OF ANOTHER PROMINENT SPANISH SOCIALIST, VISITED MONTEVIDEO AS PART OF A HUMAN RIGHTS INVESTIGATORY TOUR THROUGH THE SOUTHERN CONE. THE GROUP SOUGHT, AS ITS MAJOR OBJECTIVE, MEETINGS WITH HIGH GOVERNMENT AND CHURCH OFFICIALS AND WITH PROSCRIBED POLITICAL PARTY LEADERS.

2. THEY SPECIFICALLY REQUESTED TO MEET WITH ARMY CINC ALVAREZ, COUNCIL OF STATE PRESIDENT (AND GOV VICE PRESIDENT) HAMLET REYES, MINISTER OF JUSTICE BAYARDO BENGOA, AND ROMAN CATHOLIC ARCH-BISHOP PARTELLI. REFLECTING CUSTOMARY GOV RELUCTANCE TO MEET WITH SUCH VISITORS AND, AT LEAST IN PART, INTERNAL POLITICAL TENSIONS AT THAT MOMENT, ALVAREZ AND BAYARDO DID NOT GRANT THE GROUP AN AUDIENCE (ALTHOUGH FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIALS REPORTEDLY ATTEMPTED TO FACILITATE

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THE VISIT AND STRONGLY URGED THE MINJUSTICE TO MEET WITH THEM)



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